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Mr. Stephen D. Coan
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Dear Mr. Coan:

Thank you for your invitation on behalf of David Demers, Chairman of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations, and Gary Moccia, Chairman of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards, to attend a joint meeting of their two Boards to discuss and receive input regarding performance of ionization and photoelectric smoke detectors.

Unfortunately, a representative from the National Institute and Standards and Technology (NIST) cannot attend the October 11, 2007 meeting, but we would like to share a statement submitted for the record to the Boston City Council Committee on Public Safety for its August 6, 2007 hearing to discuss smoke detector technology. The statement is posted at the following website:

http://smokealarm.nist.gov/pdf_files/StatementfortheRecordWG1finalsmokealarmstatement.pdf

Thank you for your interest in NIST's building and fire safety programs.

Sincerely,

S. Shyam Sunder
Director
Building and Fire Research Laboratory

cc: T. Gatzunis

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